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1. AT PRIVATE MEETING WITH DUTCH AND US POLADS JUNE 21, FRG REP PROPOSED NEW SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR OBSERVER INVITATIONS TO BLAUE DONAU, CERTAIN SHIELD AND SAXON DRIVE MANEUVERS.
2. HE SAID FRG WAS PLANNING TO INVITE OBSERVERS FROM EMBASSIES OF ALL CSCE COUNTRIES IN BONN TO BLAUE DONAU FOR SEPTEMBER 19-21 AND THAT OBSERVERS WOULD HAVE OPTION OF REMAINING IN MANEUVER AREA ON SEPTEMBER 22 TO VIEW FIRING EXERCISE.
3. FRG POINTED OUT THAT OBSERVER SCHEDULING FOR CERTAIN SHIELD AND SAXON DRIVE PRESENTED PROBLEM DUE TO OVERLAP

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BETWEEN TWO MANEUVERS (CERTAIN SHIELD: SEPTEMBER 18-28; SAXON DRIVE: SEPTEMBER 18-29). TAKING INTO ACCOUNT US DESIRE NOT TO SCHEDULE OBSERVERS OVER WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 23-24 (REF C), AND KEEPING IN MIND THAT MANY OBSERVERS FROM CERTAIN SHIELD WOULD CONTINUE ON TO SAXON DRIVE, HIS AUTHORITIES WERE SUGGESTING THAT WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25-29 BE SPLIT EQUITABLY BETWEEN THESE

TWO MANEUVERS FOR OBSERVER PURPOSES. BONN'S PROPOSAL IS THAT OBSERVERS FOR CERTAIN SHIELD ARRIVE DURING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, FOR INITIAL BRIEFINGS BEFORE VISITING MANEUVER AREA ON SEPTEMBER 25, 26 AND MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 27. THEY WOULD THEN DEPART IN EARLY AFTERNOON OF THAT DAY FOR SAXON DRIVE, WHERE THEY WOULD REMAIN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29. FRG REP ASKED FOR EARLY RESPONSE TO THIS SCENARIO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE. GLITMAN

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